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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schulz (2002987).

Regarding claim 30-31: Schulz discloses a wind turbine tower, comprising;
a plurality of elongated hollow pole sections (29, 30) secured together in an end-to-end relationship (see figure 18);

each of said hollow pole sections comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending peripheral sections joined together (see figure 18);

each of said peripheral sections having upper and lower end edges and first and second side edges (figures 17, 18);

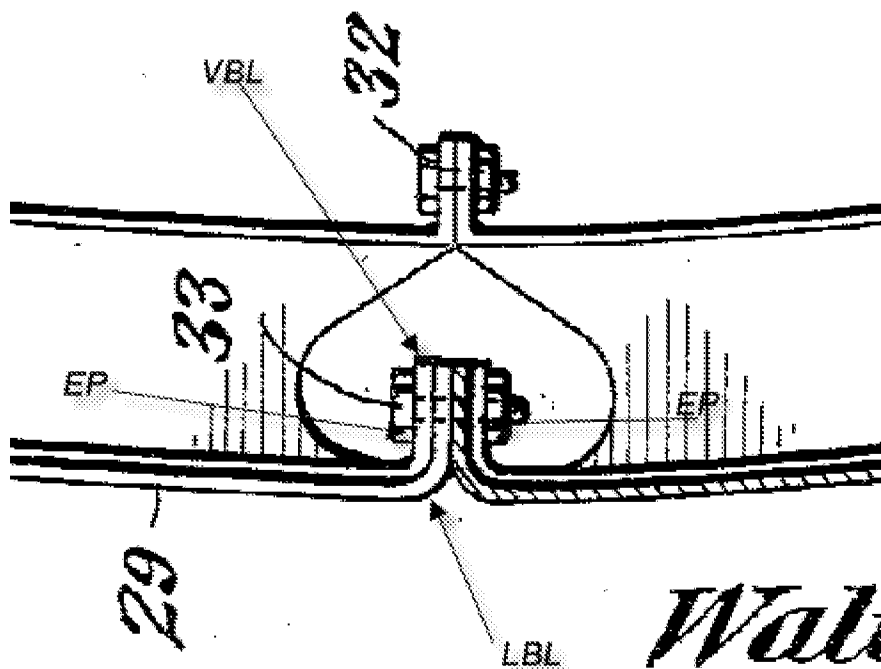
each of said peripheral sections having first and second vertically extending break lines (VBL) formed therein adjacent said first and second side edges respectively to form longitudinally inwardly extending first and second edge portions (EP);

each of said peripheral sections also having a plurality of spaced-apart longitudinally extending break lines (LBL) formed therein between said first and second break lines to form a plurality of angled wall sections between said first and second break lines; s

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aid edge portions of said peripheral sections being bolted together by bolt members to form a hollow pole section (see figure 18);

the angled wall sections immediately adjacent said first and second break lines of said adjacent peripheral sections defining an externally presented general V-shape therebetween (figure 18).



Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica Laux whose telephone number is 571-272-8228. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (est).

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